

# **Memorandum of Understanding**

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## **Between the State of Alaska:**

- Department of Administration;
- Department of Community and Economic Development;
- Department of Corrections;
- Department of Education and Early Development;
- Department of Environmental Conservation;
- Department of Fish & Game;
- Department of Health and Social Services;
- Department of Law;
- Department of Labor and Workforce Development;
- Department of Military and Veterans Affairs;
- Department of Natural Resources ;
- Department of Public Safety;
- Department of Revenue;
- Department of Transportation and Public Facilities;
- University of Alaska;

## **And:**

- Denali Commission;

## **And:**

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers;
- U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Alaska Office; Forest Service, Region 10;
- U. S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration, Western Region; U.S. Commercial Service, Alaska Export Assistance Center;
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Alaska Operations Office;
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service, Alaska Region
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development;
- U.S. Department of the Interior; Bureau of Indian Affairs, Alaska Office, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; U.S. Geological Survey; and Minerals Management Service and;
- U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration and Federal Highway Administration

## **Background**

The Denali Commission Act of 1998, as amended (Division C, Title III, PL 105-277) (Act) states that the purposes of the Denali Commission are to:

1. Deliver the services of the Federal Government in the most cost-effective manner practicable by reducing administrative and overhead costs;
2. Provide job training and other economic development services in rural communities, particularly distressed communities; and
3. Promote rural development, provide power generation and transmission facilities.

The Act recognizes that these purposes can only be accomplished through a collaborative, coordinated effort by the State of Alaska and federal agencies. The state and federal agencies signing this understanding recognize the above benefits can only be furthered if all agencies work in a collaborative and coordinated effort.

## **Purpose**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlines points of understanding that will facilitate the collaboration and coordination necessary for achievement of the purposes of the Denali Commission and related missions of agencies who are parties to this MOU. This MOU replaces the MOU signed in the fall of 2000.

## **Points of Understanding:**



## **A. Sustainability**

The parties to this understanding recognize the importance of minimizing life cycle costs when investing in public infrastructure projects as an essential "first step" in achieving sustainability.

## **B. Regional Strategies**

The parties to this understanding recognize that systematic planning and coordination on a local, regional, and statewide basis are necessary to achieve the most effective results from investments in infrastructure, economic development and training.

### **1. Community Plans**

The parties to this understanding recognize that a single community strategic plan should be sufficient to identify and establish the priorities of each rural community.

### **2. Sharing Information**

The parties to this understanding recognize the power of sharing information to increase efficiencies and decrease duplication of services by State and Federal agencies.

### **3. Economic Development**

The parties to this understanding recognize that sound economic development facilitates growth of self-sufficient communities and agree to coordinate activities which will stimulate economic growth.

### **4. Workforce Development (Vocational & Technical Training)**

The parties to this understanding believe that workforce development is a critical component to building sustainable public infrastructure and self-sufficient communities in Alaska.

## **C. Non-Profit Organizations and Other Community Organizations**

The parties to this understanding recognize that non-profit and other community organizations in Alaska are valuable resources for State and Federal Agencies. They provide regional planning, program support and partnering opportunities.

### **MOU Implementation:**

1. This MOU becomes effective immediately for each participating agency as they sign and will remain in effect through July 31, 2007 or before if all signors agree to revise MOU prior to that date.
2. Any party to this MOU may withdraw upon 30-day notice to all other participants. The MOU will remain in effect for all other participants so long as two or more remain.
3. Nothing in this MOU shall be construed to limit or modify the authority or legal responsibility of any participating agency.
4. This MOU is neither a fiscal nor a funds obligating document. Any proposed funding endeavor will be outlined in separate agreements that shall be made in writing by representatives of the parties and shall be independently authorized by appropriate statutory authority.

### **Status of Implementation:**

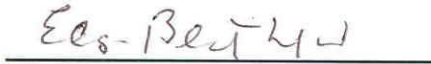
Working together the signers of the original MOU (2000) for the past several years have been collaborating through work groups to implement the points of understanding outlined above. The Status of Implementation document is a living document directly related to but not part of this MOU. Its purpose is to track progress on specific items agreed upon through the work group process. Please refer to the Status of Implementation document for information on how partners are currently working together.

## State Agencies

### DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION:

  
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### DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

  
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### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY DEVELOPMENT:

  
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### DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION:

  
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### DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME:

  
Kevin Duffy, Commissioner

### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES:

  
Joel Gilbertson, Commissioner

### DEPARTMENT OF LAW:


  
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### DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES:

  
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William "Bill" Tandeske, Commissioner

### DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE:

  
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### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES:

  
Mike Barton, Commissioner


### UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA:

  
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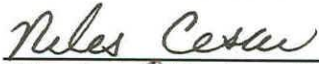
  
Cam Toohey, Special Assistant to the  
Secretary

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Bureau of Land Management

  
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### U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

  
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